

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for network-based information management, comprising the steps of:
  - (a) initiating a first habitat having markers utilized for identifying information selected by a user;
  - (b) retrieving the information associated with the markers;
  - (c) displaying the selected information on an information screen of the first habitat utilizing a network;
  - (d) allowing a plurality of users to view the information screen of the first habitat; and
  - (e) allowing the first habitat to send a request to a second habitat for desired information and access [[a]] the second habitat for retrieving the requested information from the second habitat, the second habitat sending information matching the request directly to the first habitat.
2. (ORIGINAL) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the second habitat retrieves information from the first habitat.
3. (ORIGINAL) A method as recited in claim 2, wherein the first habitat selects portions of the retrieved information for display based on user-input.
4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method as recited in claim [[2]] 1, wherein a user viewing the first habitat connects directly to can jump directly to the second habitat for retrieving the viewing information from in the second habitat.

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5. (ORIGINAL) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the first habitat sends out a request for desired information to a plurality of habitats and retrieves the desired information from at least one of the habitats responding to the request.
6. (ORIGINAL) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the first habitat is in communication with a plurality of habitats such that a sub-network of habitats is formed.
7. (ORIGINAL) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein an application communicates with the first habitat for retrieving information therefrom.
8. (ORIGINAL) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the first habitat interacts with an application for performing tasks.
9. (ORIGINAL) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein each of the habitats has an assigned address.
10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer program product for network-based information management, comprising:
- (a) computer code for initiating a first habitat having markers utilized for identifying information selected by a user;
  - (b) computer code for retrieving the information associated with the markers;
  - (c) computer code for displaying the selected information on an information screen of the first habitat utilizing a network;
  - (d) computer code for allowing a plurality of users to view the information screen of the first habitat; and
  - (e) computer code for allowing the first habitat to send a request to a second habitat for desired information and access [[a]] the second habitat for retrieving the

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requested information from the second habitat, the second habitat sending information matching the request directly to the first habitat.

11. (ORIGINAL) A computer program product as recited in claim 10, wherein the second habitat retrieves information from the first habitat.
12. (ORIGINAL) A computer program product as recited in claim 11, wherein the first habitat selects portions of the retrieved information for display based on user-input.
13. (ORIGINAL) A computer program product as recited in claim 11, wherein the first habitat connects directly to the second habitat for retrieving the information from the second habitat.
14. (ORIGINAL) A computer program product as recited in claim 10, wherein the first habitat sends out a request for desired information to a plurality of habitats and retrieves the desired information from at least one of the habitats responding to the request.
15. (ORIGINAL) A computer program product as recited in claim 10, wherein the first habitat is in communication with a plurality of habitats such that a sub-network of habitats is formed.
16. (ORIGINAL) A computer program product as recited in claim 10, wherein an application communicates with the first habitat for retrieving information therefrom.
17. (ORIGINAL) A computer program product as recited in claim 10, wherein the first habitat interacts with an application for performing tasks.

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18. (ORIGINAL) A computer program product as recited in claim 10, wherein each of the habitats has an assigned address.
19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A system for network-based information management, comprising:
- (a) logic for initiating a first habitat having markers utilized for identifying information selected by a user;
  - (b) logic for retrieving the information associated with the markers;
  - (c) logic for displaying the selected information on an information screen of the first habitat utilizing a network;
  - (d) logic for allowing a plurality of users to view the information screen of the first habitat; and
  - (e) logic for allowing the first habitat to send a request to several habitats for desired information and access [[a]] one or more of the second-habitat habitats responding to the request for retrieving the requested information from the second habitat responding to the request, the habitat responding to the request sending information matching the request directly to the first habitat;
  - (f) wherein a user viewing the first habitat can jump directly to the second habitat for viewing information in the second habitat.

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